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## BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE

Docket No. R2020-1

# RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 10

(November 27, 2019)

The Postal Service hereby responds to Chairman's Information Request No. 10, issued on November 25, 2019. The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

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1. Please explain why the Internal Air Conveyance fee changed from Calendar Year (CY) 2019<sup>1</sup> to CY 2020<sup>2</sup> and provide all relevant data used in the calculation.

### **RESPONSE:**

The U.S. Postal Service did not calculate the actual Internal Air Conveyance (IAC) fees for CY 2019 and CY 2020. In accordance with Universal Postal Convention Article 33 and Convention Regulation Article 33-101.5, and based on data provided confidentially in questionnaire responses by the respective designated operators by September 30 each year, the International Bureau (IB) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) calculates the IAC fees applicable to the following calendar year and then provides notice of them to the UPU designated operators via IB Circulars, including the two that the Commission has cited. The Postal Service provided the IB with such data in its questionnaire responses to enable the IB to calculate the IAC fees for CY 2019 and CY 2020. The Postal Service has attached redacted copies of those IB questionnaire responses to this ChIR No. 10 response (Attachment 1 for CY 2019 and Attachment 2 for CY 2020), and has also filed unredacted copies under seal.<sup>3</sup> Although the Postal Service did not calculate the actual IAC fees, presumably the different inputs provided for each year

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Universal Postal Union International Bureau Circular No. 167, November 19, 2018, at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Universal Postal Union International Bureau Circular No. 179, November 4, 2019, at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> With respect to the redacted data, which include sensitive non-public weight and cost data of the Postal Service among other commercially sensitive data, the Postal Service incorporates by reference the Revised Application for non-public treatment that it filed in this docket with USPS Notice of Filing Revised USPS-LR-R2020-1/NP1 (Attachment 1) on October 25, 2019.

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caused changes in the calculation of the fees applicable to CY 2020 compared to CY 2019. In addition, the IAC fees applicable to CY 2020 would have changed from those applicable to CY 2019 because of changes in the Second Additional Protocol to the Universal Postal Convention that will enter into force on January 1, 2020, by which IAC fees may not apply to certain (E-format) letter post in CY 2020 (see Universal Postal Convention Articles 30.1bis & 33.6).



Annex 1 to letter 4631(DOP.SC.PDT)1047 of 22 May 2018

#### Questionnaire

Please download this questionnaire from the UPU website at www.upu.int/en/activities/transport/internal-air-conveyance-rates-and-dues/questionnaire.html and send it completed by e-mail to transport@upu.int by 30 September 2018 at the latest. Should you wish to send it by post, please use the following address:

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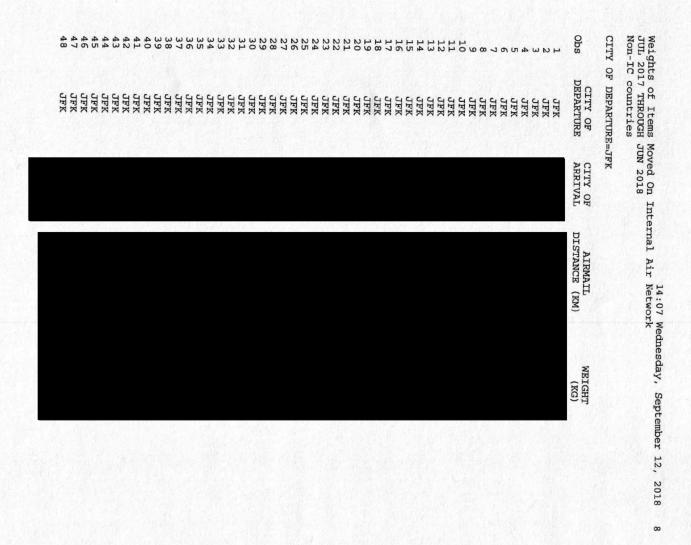
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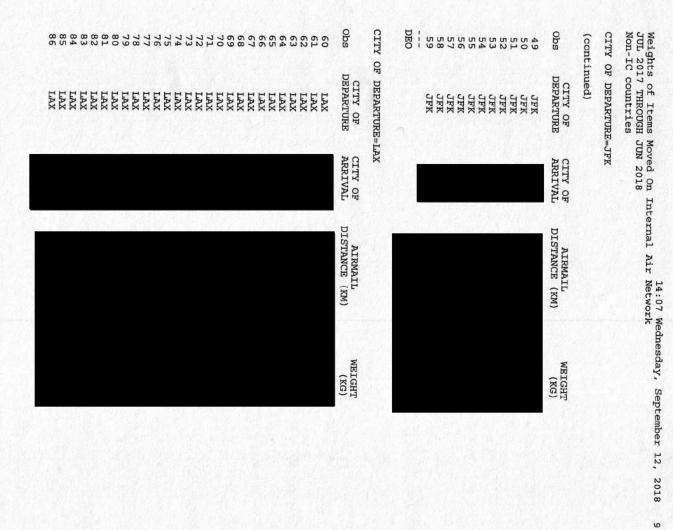
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b	items delivered in the area served by the airports of arrival kg;	of the mails or reforwarded by surface
С	items reforwarded by air inside the country:	kg.
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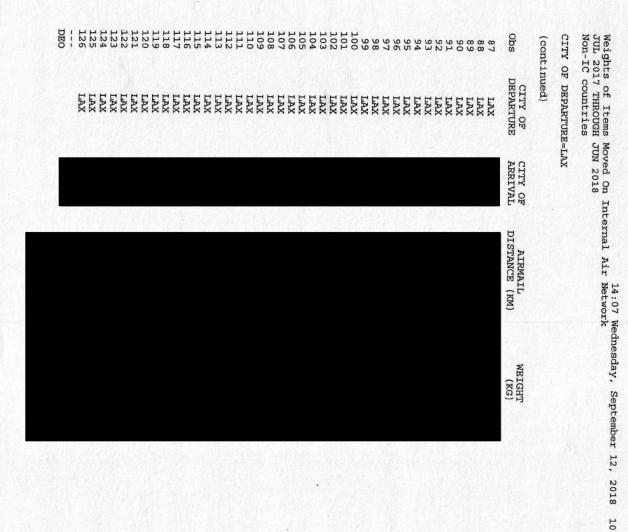
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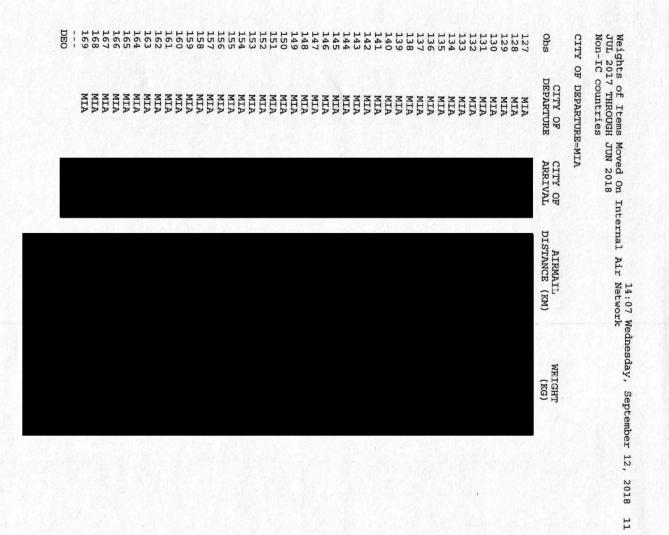
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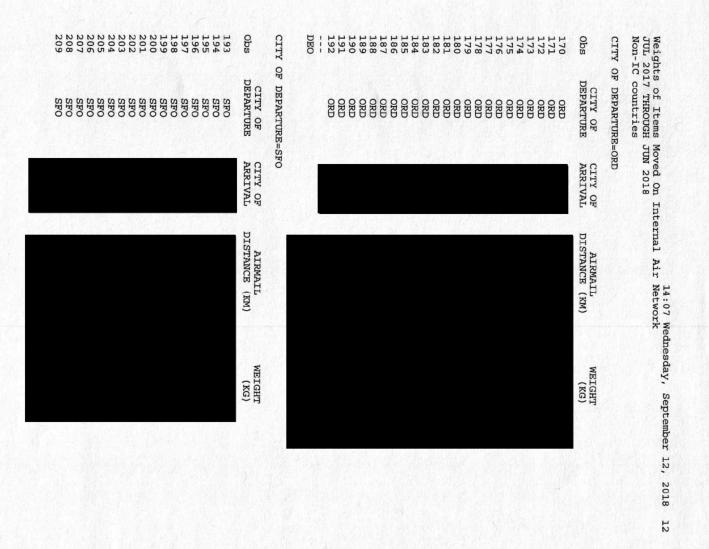
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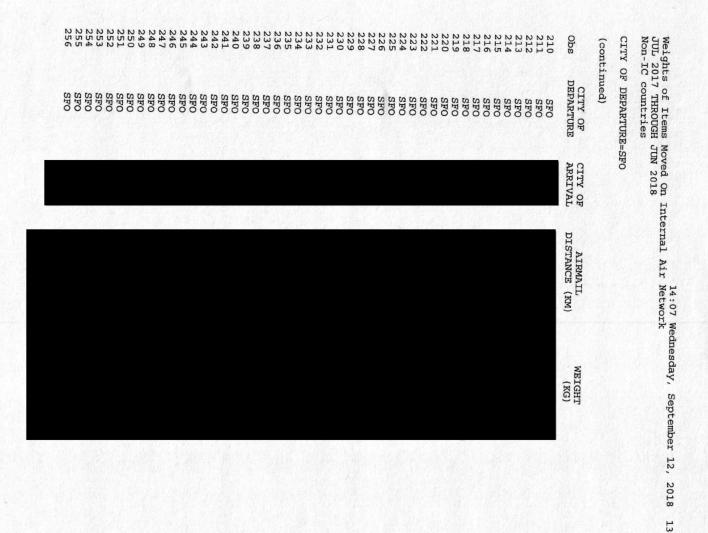












Weights of Items Moved On Internal Air Network
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Annex 1 to letter 4631(DOP.SC.PT)1055 of 20 May 2019

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